IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE AT CHATTANOOGA

SHANDLE MARIE RILEY	
Plaintiff,	
v.) HAMILTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT)	No. 1:19-CV-00304
DEPUTY DANIEL WILKEY, in his capacity as deputy sheriff for Hamilton County Government and, in his individual capacity,	McDonough/Steger
DEPUTY JACOB GOFORTH, in his capacity as deputy sheriff for Hamilton County Government and, in his individual capacity, and	JURY DEMAND
Defendants,	

JOINT MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED USE OR DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Comes now all parties to this action and files this Joint Motion for a Protective Order Against Unauthorized Use or Disclosure of Confidential Information. Filed with this motion is an Agreed Order approved of by all parties to this action.

Based on the complaints filed and Initial Disclosures sent by Plaintiffs it would appear that potentially confidential information will be gathered during discovery and possibly filed with motions or introduced at depositions or introduced into evidence in open court at motion hearings or trial.

Allegations of injuries caused by the Defendants requiring medical care and mental health care have been made by all of the Plaintiffs either by an adult Plaintiff or on behalf of a minor Plaintiff. See the complaints in the following cases.

- Riley v. Hamilton County Government et al: 1:19-cv-304, Doc. 1-1 Page ID #15 (¶ 82)
- Mitchell et al v. Hamilton County Government et al: 1:19-cv-305, Doc. 1-1 Page ID#16
 (¶ 99).
- Johnson v. Hamilton County Government et al; 1:19-cv-329, Doc. 1-1 Page ID#16
 (¶ 106).
- Lemons v. Hamilton County Government et al; 1:20-cv-00019 Doc. 1-2 Page ID#26
 (¶124).
- Johnson et al. v. Hamilton County Government et al; 1:20-cv-17, Doc. 1-2 Page ID#25-26 (¶ 136
- Vineyard et al. v. Hamilton County Government et al; 1:20-cv-20, Doc. 3-2 Page ID#76 (¶ 153).
- Cummings v. Hamilton County Government et al; 1: 19-cv-00348, Doc. 1-1 Page ID#19 (¶ 111).

This is just a sampling of the allegations contained in these complaints that claim physical or mental injuries.

At least one allegation of a juvenile arrest of Plaintiff A.M. has been made that is characterized as retaliatory by that Plaintiff in *Lemons v. Hamilton County Government et al.* It is very likely that information that is confidential will be received by the parties to this case.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c) specifically authorizes the use of protective orders in appropriate circumstances. Confidentiality orders are certainly allowed by case law in this circuit. The

confidentiality, or secrecy, if you will, of material gained in discovery allowed. See *Shane Grp., Inc. v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mich*, 825 F.3d 299, 305 (6th Cir.2016). However, the parties to this case are aware that the confidentiality of this material gained in discovery is still subject to entering the public domain at the litigation stage of the lawsuits here and this issue of information coming into the record under seal is a different issue than that addressed by the Protective Order being proposed here.

The parties jointly request that this court enter the proposed order being filed with this motion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CHRIS H. STEGER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH
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